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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Rate increase for Agua Fria Water District	DOCKET NUMBER SW-01303A-09-0343
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Arizona-American Water Company	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input checked="" type="radio"/>
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My name is Ariana Thude and our family lives in Verrado. This is in response to SW-01303A-09-0343, which pertains to Arizona-American Water Company's request to raise sewer rates in our area 53%.

In my comments regarding Docket W-01303A-10-0448, I noted that we've had to resort to some fairly creative measures for water conservation as our monthly water bill is so high (\$127.66). Not to be redundant, but this is what I had to say about it: "We live in Parkview Square in the Centex homes, so our yard is virtually non-existent and our landscaping is xeriscaped. We have neither a pool nor a lawn, and the expense of water here has already caused us to employ some rather creative conservation methods. When washing dishes, I wait until almost every dish we own is dirty. Then I wash them by hand, using one sink filled with three inches of water to rinse. Then when I am done, I take the rinse water out to water our aloe vera plant, which is not on the drip system. Instead of just letting the cool water run down the drain when we are trying to warm the water for a shower, we save that water in a bucket and use it to water our potted plants out front. We have water conserving shower heads and toilet flappers, and showers are not a daily affair in our household. We sweep our sidewalk instead of hosing it down and we don't wash our car. I could go on, but I think you get my point. We are not wasteful water users and we can't really cut anything else out."

We have been advised that the overall rate increase we would incur with both of these docket items is 139.7%. Thus, we are certainly opposed to the deconsolidation and I reiterate what I said in our statement about the water increase: "this increase seems likely to perpetuate a cycle of diminishing revenues for them as residents leave to escape increasing water prices." Surely there has to be a better option. Thank you and have a fabulous day! Ariana Thude

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